## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-378-C - ORDER NO. 2001-219

MARCH 12, 2001

IN RE:	Southeastern Competitive Carriers	)	
	Association, NewSouth Communications	)	
	Corporation and TriVergent	)	į
	Communications,	)	
		)	ORDER /
	Complainants/Petitioners,	)	GRANTING
	<u>-</u>	)	<b>EXTENSION</b>
	VS.	)	
		)	
	BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,	)	
		)	
	Respondent.	)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Staff request for an extension of the thirty-day time limit from the hearing date on filing briefs with the Commission required by Commission Regulation 103-875. That regulation states that, without special permission, the time in which to file briefs shall not exceed 30 days from the close of a hearing in the matter.

According to Staff, the parties desire to file briefs and/or proposed orders in the present case, but they would prefer to have a transcript of the hearing prior to commencing work on these documents. The parties would then be able to introduce elements of the testimony into the briefs and/or proposed orders to support various points to be made, if they so desired. Accordingly, Staff requests that we allow 30 days from the

date that the Transcript becomes available before briefs and/or proposed orders become due in this matter. We agree with Staff's assertions, and therefore hold that the parties shall have 30 days from the date that the Transcript of the hearing becomes available to file briefs and/or proposed orders in this proceeding.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary E. Wolsh
Executive Orector

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